(*b*) That Patels are not sufficiently educated and cannot therefore be safely expected to exercise Judicial powers.

(*c*) It would multiply cases of false *alibi*, as these proceedings can easily be tampered with.

(*d*) It would vest in the Patels a power which may, in many instances, be used to the prejudice of powerless people.

(*e*) It would give scope for more compulsion being brought to bear upon the poorer classes to render personal service.

It is desirable that the bill should be postponed until such time as duly qualified men are available to be Village Munsiffs. And it is also desirable as a preliminary step to the introduction of the measure that a standard of examination for Village Munsiffship should be prescribed and thrown open only to men of proved and undoubted moral character and respectability.

Mr. Rangaiengar (Land-holder from Krishnarajpet) in advocating the introduction of the proposed measure observed that raiyats and merchants asked for it, while Pleaders and Lawyers objected to it.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya suggested that if the bill does not become law, the Government should help in establishing Courts of Conciliation as in Norway.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is still before Government and no decision has been arrived at.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Land-holder and R. M. from Sorab and Mr. Srirangachar, Inamdar and R. M. from T. Narsipur.

Subject No. 13.

Compulsory Registration of leases up to 3 years.

Summary of discussion.—Leases for terms under one year are exempt from registration under Section 17 of the Indian Registration Act. It is requested that leases for longer periods but under 5 years may also be exempted; such leases should also be exempt for stamp duty. It was suggested by another R. M. that at least leases executed for periods up to a limit of 3 years, may be exempted from registration.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Mr. Kanur Ramachandraiya, Land-holder from Yedahalli Sub-Taluk.

Subject No. 14.

Saguvali Chits to be granted before 1st July.

Summary of discussion.—Applicants for ordinary dry and wet lands are not granted permission to enter into occupation till the opening of the new official year, *i. e.*, 1st July, by which time the monsoon will have set in and be approaching its climax, and long before which the lands should have been